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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 1519

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, MPOL, TW  
SUBJECT: ROCN 1977 MIDSHIPMAN TRAINING CRUISE

REFS: (A) 76 STATE 56522, (B) 76 STATE 54208

1. ON FEB. 28 DAO WAS INFORMED THAT ROCN HAD TENTATIVE PLANS FOR A JULY AND AUGUST, 1977 TRAINING CRUISE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE GUAM, MIDWAY, AND HONOLULU. THE CRUISE WOULD INVOLVE TWO ROCN DESTROYERS WITH APPROXIMATELY 800 PERSONNEL.

2. EMBASSY ADVISED ALUSNA TO DISCOURAGE PLANNING TO INCLUDE U.S. PORTS AT AN EARLY STAGE TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT/COMPLICATIONS SINCE IT APPEARED THAT SUCH A CRUISE WOULD BE A DEPARTURE FROM ROCN OPERATIONS IN RECENT YEARS. ALUSNA SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED EMBASSY VIEWS TO WORKING LEVELS ROCN.

3. DURING AN INFORMAL CALL ON MARCH 18, ALUSAN CONVEYED EMBASSY'S VIEWS TO CINC, CN. LATTER STATED, HOWEVER, THAT DETAILED, FORMAL PLANNING FOR THE CRUISE WAS ALREADY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ADVANCED STAGE, AND A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE CRUISE HAD ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO THE ROC ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON FOR COORDINATION WITH US NAVY COUNTERPARTS THERE.

4. EMBASSY VIEWS SUBJECT CRUISE AS A DEPARTURE FROM PAST PRACTICE. IN 1974 THE ROCN SUMMER CRUISE WENT TO MANILA, BANGKOK, SINGAPORE, AND PUSAN; IN 1975 IT WENT TO SINGAPORE,

MANILA, AND GUAM; IN 1976 IT WENT TO SINGAPORE AND PUSAN.  
(PROJECTED INCLUSION OF GUAM IN 1976 CRUISE WAS TURNED DOWN  
FOR THAT YEAR FOR REASONS CITED REFTEL (B) PARAGRAPH 3 CONCERNING A  
FEDERALLY SPONSORED BICENTENNIAL EVENT.)

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
ON INCLUSION OF HAWAII AND GUAM IN SUBJECT 1977CRUISE.  
SPECIFICALLY, SINCE PLANNING IS NOW UNDERWAY, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS  
THAT GUAM BE INCLUDED AND THAT MIDWAY/HONOLULU BE DROPPED FROM  
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